

IN THE CLAIMS:

15. (Currently amended) A method for producing franking markings by printing on a provided support material with an [text and/or] image, the method comprising generating by input means of a computer [a text selectable from proposals or designed according to individual imagination, or] an image [or images], and transferring the [text or] image to the support material for printing one or more franking markings.

16. (Previously added) The method according to claim 15, comprising displaying, acquiring or changing on a screen or touch screen the selected proposals or the individually designed text or images.

17. (Previously added) The method according to claim 15, comprising generating the franking marking by a keyboard or a touch screen on a keyboard or on a screen.

18. (Previously added) The method according to claim 15, comprising generating the franking marking by self-service.

19. (Previously added) The method according to claim 15, comprising displaying and integrating into the franking marking a

franking value which is freely selectable or determined by the selection of a destination.

20. (Currently amended) The method according to claim 15, comprising reading the [text or] image by a camera and positioning the [text or] image within the franking marking image.

21. (Previously added) The method according to claim 15, comprising, after the franking marking has been generated, triggering a printing process for the franking marking and optionally releasing change or a request for a further generation of franking markings by selecting a control key or a switching surface displayed on a touch screen.

22. (Previously added) The method according to claim 21, comprising actuating the printing process after checking whether a sufficient credit amount is available.

23. (Currently amended) A device for producing franking markings by printing on a provided support material with an [text and/or] image, comprising input means of a computer for generating [a text selectable from proposals or designed according to individual imagination, or] an image [or images],

and a printer connected to the computer and actuated by input means.

24. (Previously added) The device according to claim 23, further comprising a camera connected to the input means and the computer.

25. (Previously added) The device according to claim 24, wherein the camera is a digital camera.

26. (Previously added) The device according to claim 24, comprising a keyboard or touch screen for actuating the device.

27. (Previously added) The device according to claim 23, wherein the device is adapted for self-service, further comprising a cash register and money changing device connected to the computer.

28. (Previously added) The device according to claim 23, wherein the device is a franking marking vending machine.

29. (Previously added) The device according to claim 23, wherein the device is a postage stamp vending machine.

30. (Previously added) The device according to claim 29,
wherein the device is incorporated in a postage meter machine.